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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully ask for reconsideration of both this application and the final Office Action dated April 21, 2005. A response to this Office Action was due by July 21, 2005. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on August 7, 2005, however, together with a Petition for a two-month extension of time. Also, Applicants are concurrently submitting a Petition for a three month extension of time, together with a Request For Continued Examination. Please consider this Amendment as timely filed.

Applicants first gratefully acknowledge the telephonic interview granted earlier today. During that interview, attended by the undersigned, Examiner P. Chea and Primary Examiner W. Vaughn, the attendees discussed claims 1-4. In particular, the attendees discussed the proposed claim changes to claim 1 previously submitted with an Interview Request Form. No exhibits were shown nor were any demonstrations conducted. The attendees also discussed differences between the claimed invention and the RealPlayer 5.0 Manual from RealNetworks, Inc. as disclosed at <http://docs.real.com/docs/plyrplus50.pdf> (hereafter referred to as the "RealPlayer manual").

Based upon the interview, it is Applicants' understanding that, with additional language added to claims 1-4 as generally suggested by the Primary Examiner, claims 1-4 would distinguish over the RealPlayer manual. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 1 herein to include both the proposed changes and additional specific language that Applicants believe corresponds with the Primary Examiner's general suggestions.

In the Office Action, the Examiner maintained the rejection claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over the RealPlayer 5.0 Manual from RealNetworks, Inc. (hereafter referred to as the "RealPlayer manual"). The Examiner also rejected claims 1, 2, and 5-15 under 35 U.S.C.

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§102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,029,141 to Bezos et al. Applicants respectfully traverse both of these rejections, and courteously ask for their reconsideration.

Claims 1-4, as amended herein, are directed to a client portal capable of retrieving content only through sites in the network preselected by a publisher or distributor of the client portal, and which does not provide a function that allows a user to add or modify controls of the client portal to access content through sites in the network that have not been preselected by a publisher or distributor of the client portal. As discussed during the interview, Applicants respectfully submit that these features of the invention are not taught or suggested by the RealPlayer manual. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that these features of the invention are not taught or suggested by the Bezos et al. patent.

With regard to claims 6-15, while these claims were not specifically discussed during the interview, Applicants have amended claim 6 herein to incorporate language similar to that of claim 1. Whereas claim 1 is directed to a client portal with access limited by a publisher or distributor of the client portal, however, claims 6-15 are directed to a client portal limited to accessing content only through sites that are related to providing a particular product. Applicants respectfully submit that neither the RealPlayer manual nor the Bezos et al. patent teach or suggest these features of the invention.

Applicants therefore again submit that the RealPlayer 5.0 manual does not teach or suggest the features of the invention recited in any of claims 1-4 and 6-14. It is similarly urged that the Bezos et al. patent does not teach or suggest the features of the invention recited in any of claims 1-4 and 6-15. Accordingly, Applicants request that both the rejection of claims 1, 2, and 4 over the RealPlayer manual and the rejection of claims 1, 2, and 6-15 over the Bezos et al. patent be withdrawn.

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In addition, claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 over the Bezos et al. patent in view of "Recommender Systems in E-Commerce" by Shafer et al. (hereafter referred to as the "Shafer et al. article"), while claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over the Bezos et al. patent in view of allegedly admitted prior art disclosed in Applicants' specification. Applicants respectfully traverse both of these rejections, and ask for their reconsideration.

As explained above, the Bezos et al. patent does not teach or suggest a client portal capable of retrieving content from only preselected sites, as recited in claims 1-4. This patent likewise does not teach or suggest a client portal capable of retrieving content from only sites that are related to providing a particular product, as recited in claims 6-15. Applicants courteously submit that nothing in the Shafer et al. article or Applicants' own specification would remedy the omissions of the Bezos et al. patent. Accordingly, it is submitted that no combination of the Bezos et al. patent, the Shafer et al. article, and the prior art allegedly disclosed in Applicants' own specification would teach or suggest the features of the invention recited in either of claims 3 and 14. Applicants therefore ask that the rejections of these claims be withdrawn.

If any additional fees are required for the consideration and entry of this Amendment, the Commissioner believes that fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees deemed necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, including any fees under 35 U.S.C. §1.16 and §1.17, to the deposit account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are allowable, and that this application is therefore in condition for allowance. Applicants

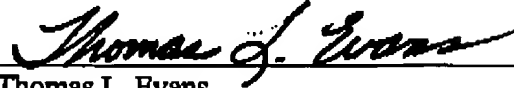
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courteously ask for favorable action at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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